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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 28, 2002.

Please enter the following amendments to the above-identified patent application after final:

In the Claims:

All pending claims have been reproduced in an appendix below for the convenience of the Examiner. The appendix pages may be treated as substitute pages for the pages of claims in the present specification.

Please enter the following amendments to claims 1 and 11 after final:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of irrigating the eye of a patient during surgery comprising supplying to the eye an aqueous solution consisting essentially of a source of bicarbonate ions, a physiologically acceptable organic buffer which is an organic zwitterionic buffer having a buffering capacity within the range pH 6.8 to 8.0, and optionally a source of